

Conservation Commission
Town Hall
Minutes May 18, 2016

Members present: David Follett, Norm Hanover, Dennis Reip, and Hoff Stuart
Members absent: Charlene Golden, David Koonce

Dennis call the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. He announced in Open Session the purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss a possible land acquisition. He stated discussion of this subject in Open Session would be detrimental to Conservation Commission negotiating strategy.

Motion made by Dennis to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing possible land acquisition. Motion seconded by Norm .

The Commission voted as follows to enter into Executive Session:
David Follett – yes; Norm Hanover – yes; Dennis Reip – yes; Hoff Stuart – yes;

At 7:38 Dennis reconvened the meeting in Open Session.
David Koonce joined the Commission.

Motion was made by Norm, seconded by Hoff and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of April 20, 2016.

Motion was made by Hoff, seconded by Norm and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 4, 2016.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Norm and voted unanimously to approve the payment of \$4,246.10 to Places for Silas Taylor Farme services from the Town Bylaw Fee account.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Hoff and voted unanimously to approve the payment of \$770.39 to Graves for crushed stone for Flerra Meadow driveway from the Maintenance account.

Motion was made by Norm, seconded by Dennis and unanimously voted to approve and issue the OoC 113-532 for Town Center test pits.

Correspondence:

Town Accountant year end memos. Norm will talk with Liz Markiewicz, Land Steward Coordinator, about equipment and materials for trail maintenance.

Jefferson at Beaver Brook email inquiry on fire pond maintenance. The Commission agreed that the work described in the email is part of the open Order of Conditions 113-523.

Rick Tower email requesting time on June 1st agenda to discuss haying at Flerra Meadow. Rick will be scheduled for 8:30 pm.

Agenda item 394 Littlefield Road was deferred to the next meeting.

Dennis will contact Oxbow about the progress at the Lawn Barber remediation site.

113-537 NOI hearing continuation Location: 593 Massachusetts Ave. Assessor's Map 14-159-000

David Follett is an abutter and recused himself. Lead Reviewer: David Koonce

Applicant / owner: Leo Bertolami, Boxborough Properties

Engineer: William Hall, E.I.T. Stamski and McNary, Inc.

Project Description: Razing of 3 existing buildings and gravel parking and construction of a new building with associated paved parking lot and drainage structures.

Documents Presented: Bill Hall presented Revised NOI dated May 17, 2016, Revised plans dated May 16, 2016, revised Stormwater Management Report May 16, 2016

Discussion: David Koonce reviewed the findings from the site visit that took place May 12, 2016 at 9:30 am with Bill Murray and David Crossman.

The proposed well is 20' from the wetland. The back of the building has 4 garage bay doors. There are concerns about the grade changes going from the building.

The Commission requests the applicant add contours for the parking area and details about the location of "jump" piles on site in resource area. A construction sequence for the well is also needed.

Motion was made by David Koonce, seconded by Dennis and unanimously voted to continue the hearing on June 1, 2016 at 8:00 pm.

113-534 NOI hearing continuation Project Location: 223 Flagg Hill Road Assessor's Map 20-067-000

Proposed roadway now called Taylor Farm Road

Property Owner: Dolly Bjorklund Applicant: Glen Kaufmann Meridian Homes

Applicant's Engineer: Bruce Ringwall, GPR Inc. Lead Reviewer: David Koonce

Present: Bruce Ringwall, Glen Kaufmann,

Documents presented: Plans with a revision date of May 6, 2016.

Motion was made by David Koonce, seconded by David Follett and unanimously voted to close the hearing at 8:32 pm.

RDA hearing continuation Location: 535 Stow Road Assessor's Map: 19-080-000, 19-081-000, 19-082-000, 19-083-000, 19-085-000, 19-066-000

Applicant: Bob Stanley – Stanley Farms, sublessee of Cloudland Farm.; Owner: Don McPherson, MMAF

Rep: MaryAnn DiPinto, Three Oaks Environmental

Project description: mowing of farm fields in preparation for harrowing and planting and maintenance of drainage ditches to prevent debris from clogging channels.

Lead Reviewer: David Follett

Present: Don McPherson, MMAF; MaryAnn DiPinto, Three Oaks Environmental


David Follett reviewed emails from Town Counsel dated May 16, May 2, and April 20, 2016. Counsel expressed the opinion that mitigation area should stay in effect even after a CoC is issued. Counsel believes an agricultural exemption does not apply to a 100' perimeter that may extend into the mitigation area. There was extensive discussion on the various items of activity presented in the RDA and discussion of negative and positive determinations for each. At the request of Don McPherson, motion was made by David Follett, seconded by Norm and voted unanimously to close the hearing.

Motion was made by Norm, seconded by Dennis and voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Norm Hanover


Approved


Date